

Lack of peds preventive care ups unplanned hospital admissions

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(HealthDay)—A lack of preventive care in infants and children is associated with an increased rate of unplanned hospital admissions, according to a study recently published in *BMC Medicine*.

Elizabeth Cecil, Ph.D., from Imperial College London, and colleagues investigated the [relationship](#) between preventive primary [care](#) and risk for unplanned and ambulatory care sensitive (ACS) hospital admissions among 319,780 children registered from birth with 363 English practices. The children were born between January 2000 and March 2013.

The researchers found that 98 percent of children had complete vaccinations and 87 percent had development checks. Unplanned admission rates were 259 per 1,000 child-years for [infants](#) (

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